

## **WOMT Summary for May 10, 2011**

The WOMT met and discussed the following:

Smelt Working Group did not meet this week and has no recommendation for delta smelt or longfin smelt at this time and will continue to monitor salvage, survey data and hydrological conditions.

DOSS advises to continue to implement the NMFS Action IV.2.1 (4:1 ratio) to protect juvenile steelhead emigrating from the San Joaquin River basin. At a minimum, combined exports should be no more than 25% of Vernalis flows. In addition, where compatible, provide opportunities for experimental fish releases at lower export rates as part of the VAMP design. DOSS also advises continuing to implement Old and Middle River flows of no more negative than - 5,000 cfs (Action IV.2.3).

NMFS accepts the advices from DOSS and determines that managing CVP/SWP operations is consistent with the intended implementation of Actions IV.2.1 and IV.2.3 and sufficiently protective of listed species present in the Delta at this time.

The fish agencies recommended that the VAMP experiment be conducted with a combined SWP/CVP export pumping level of approximately 1,500 cfs from May 16 - May 31. The SWP indicated it is not willing to reduce combined exports to 1,500 cfs during the second half of May in light of the ongoing water supply impacts associated with implementation of RPA 4.2.1 "and that there will not be an opportunity to make up water supply impacts associated with a further reduction in pumping to 1,500 cfs." Consequently, WOMT did not reach a consensus decision.